Opening of model schools

942. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHNA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government plans to open 6,000 model secondary level schools in the current plan period throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the location have been identified where such schools are likely to be set up and the total investments to be made therein;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether public-private partnership has been invited for setting up such schools; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (f) The Prime Minister in his Independence Day Speech on 15.08.2007 has announced the decision of the Government to support 6,000 high quality model schools throughout the country, at the rate of one in everyblock, to set standards of excellence for other schools in the area. Some of the schools are to be established under the public private partnership.

NKC recommendations in respect of private schools

943. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Knowledge Commission has submitted its recommendation relating to private schools, their fee and admission system in the country;

(b) if so, the main details thereof;

(c) by when the recommendations of the Commission are expected to be implemented; and

(d) how far the inferiority and superiority complex between private and Government schools would come to an end?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) In their recommendation submitted to the Prime Minister in February, 2008, National Knowledge Commission has, *inter-alia*, proposed as under:—

"Since private schools play an important role in the provision of education, there is need for both enabling and regulating mechanisms to be developed and strengthened for them. There should be transparent, norm-based and straightforward procedures for the recognition of private schools, to reduce harassment and bureaucratic delay. There should

also be transparent criteria as for the disbursement and aid from the government to some self-financing schools, especially those which cater to underprivileged children and clear norms with respect to the ability of school managements to raise resources from other sources. The monitoring of private schools, interms of ensuring a transparent admissions process, regulation of fee structures, as well as meeting minimum set standards for quality of teaching and infrastructure also requires attention. The possibility of greater exchange between schools, including monitoring of one school by another, should be allowed and encouraged."

(c) and (d) Education being a concurrent subject, a majority of private schools come under the jurisdiction of State Governments. So far as Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is concerned, affilliation of schools is a very transparent process and the requirements/ norms have been specified in affiliation bye-laws.

IIT Golden Jubilee Campus in Gujarat

944. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI SURENDRA MOTILAL PATEL:
SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Indian Institute of Technology, Powai has submitted a proposal to Government to start Indian Institute of Technology Golden Jubliee Campus in Gujarat:

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been approved by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Certain observations have been conveyed to IIT, Bombay.

(c) Does not arise.

Adulterated food under Mid-day Meal Scheme

945. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being adopted by Government to curb the complaints of adulterated food being given to the children under the Mid-day Meal Scheme;

(b) the guidelines for supplying cooked food, in order to ensure nutrition and freshness of food;

(c) whether Government has received any complaints of supplying sub-standard food to children; and

(d) the number of complaints of serious nature, received during the last two years from Bihar and the details of action taken, complaint-wise?